

# CURRICULUM FOR ACCREDITATION 2014-2015

## ‘A’ LEVEL - associate member

1. Regular commitment to a local church
2. Some commitment to house fellowship model: if not regular attendance at classes, at least a working knowledge of Bible, theology, and basic apologetics; to the latter end, we should set a minimum standard recommendation: *suggestion*: read at least ONE Old and New Testament introduction, at least ONE entry (or more advanced) level commentary on foundational Bible books – Genesis, Luke, Acts, Romans, Corinthians; similarly, at least ONE systematic theology and general apologetics work
3. Monthly donor to fellowship fund (qualify for 10% discount)

## ‘AA’ LEVEL - authorized member (house fellowship and/or local church teacher, certificate)

1. Above qualifications, plus extensive knowledge in **Bible** (*recommended*: regular attendance at Sunday & Monday and/or reading at least 3 advanced level commentaries on above Bible books, plus Galatians, Ephesians, Hebrews); **theology** (at least 3 basic works, preferably with differing theological outlooks); **apologetics** (again, 3 basic books, again with contrasting or complementary perspectives); **cults, aberrant Christian groups**, and **world religions** (perhaps 2 texts); **church history** (attendance at historical theology series and/or at least 3 recommended books on church history); **hermeneutics** (2 standard sources)
2. We would have to institute some form of testing at this level – even for those in regular attendance at seminars/studies.

## ‘AAA’ LEVEL - advanced accreditation (class instructor)

1. All of the above qualifications, but raising the stakes (steaks? – ie 3 levels equate to gristle & bone vs meat vs milk) – at least 5 basic works in each category, plus same number in additional areas: **Bible** (theology, basic Greek and Hebrew vocabulary (?), NT intro/theology, history of interpretation, Pentateuch, prophets, OT history, 4 gospels, pastoral epistles); **theology** (adding at least 2 basic works in each sub-category, as well as 5 works on historical theology); **apologetics** (at least 2 works in each of the basic sub-categories, basic philosophy, history of ideas; **cults, world religions** (again, at least 2 works on each of the major target groups, to be decided upon by consensus); **church history** (in addition to recommended reading and the historical theology course, an overview course of 6-8 weeks); **cultural apologetics** (Christianity vis-a-vis the arts and literature, media etc); **God and science** (again, a short 3-4 week course in the interaction of science with theology); **the church and the world** (ethics, education, race issues, feminism, church and state, social science, psychology, syllabus to be decided by assessment of need)
2. A more stringent testing and assessment, and as Chuck T. has suggested, class assignments (personal mentoring)

## The Biblical & Historical Justification for AAA Standards

There are those in the church who, in all loyalty to the cause of Christ, denigrate this standard of 'seminary' accreditation. They 'stand on the Bible'. They bring out such texts as John 7 and Acts 5, pointing out that both Jesus and the Apostles needed no such 'advanced' education to do the mightiest deeds for the Divinity. Such objections need be noted, but without offending the sincere objector, we need to put such texts back in their historical context. The 'opposition' to both the Lord and the Apostles, in both texts, is the Judaism of the first century. Which opposition, both in approach to the Bible (Old Testament, actually) and approach to the world and culture, had more in common – how do we say this gently? – with traditional conservatives and fundamentalists than with modern liberals, and by identification, modern 'liberal' universities and theological colleges such as Princeton, Yale, Cambridge and Oxford. The mere fact that conservative, even fundamentalist and Pentecostal churches and institutions have inevitably come around to founding their own rival schools of 'higher learning' is a reluctant concession that 'Bible only' not only does not work, but does not truly even represent the Bible itself. Why is that? Primarily, but not exclusively, because the world of the Bible is alien to the world of the modern believer. No pious Christian can hope to faithfully represent the Bible to the world around him without *at least* a second hand knowledge of linguistics, of history, of hermeneutics, and finally of those ancient and alien cultures (& thus a knowledge of archaeology). Anyone who thinks he can do without such windows into Scripture is deluded. Such persons, however saintly and sincere, will inevitably do a great deal of collateral damage – even while delivering other saints to heaven's door. Deluded and damaged saints may get into heaven. But deluded and damaged saints may do more earthly harm than good.

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[Each credit represents app. 1 day of class (= 1 entry level book)]

**SANE** Code for Advanced Accreditation: **S** = scholarly (7 credits); **A** = advanced (5 credits); **N** = nutritious (3 credits); **E** = entry (1 credit)

CODE	CATEGORY	Credit
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AC 100	Authority, apologetics - Culture, Arts	10
AE	Authority, apologetics - Evidences	20
AG	Authority, apologetics - General, Intro	20
AM	Authority, apologetics - Miracles, Resurrection	10
AP	Authority, apologetics - Prophecy	10
AS	Authority, apologetics - Social Issues, Ethics	20
AT	Authority, apologetics - Theodicy, Suffering	5
AY	Authority, apologetics - Philosophy	5
BA 105	Bible - Authority, Origin, Canon, Apocrypha	10
BB	Bible - Background	10
BC	Bible - Commentaries (overview)	5
BG	Bible - General, Intro	5
BH	Bible - Hermeneutics, Criticism, Study	20
BI	Bible - Inspiration, Revelation	10
BL	Bible - Language	5
BP	Bible - Personalities, Characters	5

CODE	CATEGORY	Credit
BR	Bible - Reference (at least one dictionary, encyclopedia)	10
BS	Bible - Miscellaneous Special Subjects	5
BT	Bible - Text, Translation, History	10
BV	Bible - Versions (2 complete)	10
CDA	Denominations - Anglican, Methodist (9 shelves)	20
CDB	Denominations - Baptist, Brethren	10
CDC	Denominations - Roman Catholicism	10
CDL	Denominations - Lutheran, Mennonite, Amish	5
CDO	Denominations - Orthodox	5
CDP	Denominations - Pentecostal	5
CDR	Denominations - Reformed	5
CE 195	Church - Evangelism, Missions	5
CG	Church - General, Intro, unity, ecumenism	5
CH16	Church History - 16 <sup>th</sup> Century, Reformation	10
CH17	Church History - 17th Century, Puritans	5
CH18	Church History -18th Century	10
CH19	Church History -19th Century	20
CH20	Church History -20th Century	10
CHB	Church History - Biography	20
CHE	Church History - Early Church	20
CHG	Church History - General	10
CHM	Church History - Middle Ages	10
CP	Church - Pastoral, Preaching	5
CW	Church - Worship, Sacraments	5
D 40	Discipleship - organized by names of preacher/teacher	40
EB 50	Economy - benevolence, charity	5
EF	Economy - family, firstborn, inheritance	5
EL	Economy - land use, urban	10
EM	Economy - money, economics, commerce	20
ES	Economy - stewardship, management, structure, property	10
FA 65	Film - Actors	5
FC	Film - Criticism	10
FD	Film - Directors	10
FG	Film - Genres	5
FH	Film - History	10
FR	Film - General, Reference	20
FT	Film - Theory, Technique	5
G 10	geography, geology, earth science, environment, weather	10
H16 95	History - 16 <sup>th</sup>	10
H17	History - 17 <sup>th</sup>	10
H18	History - 18 <sup>th</sup>	10
H19	History - 19 <sup>th</sup>	20
H20	History - 20 <sup>th</sup>	20
HA	History - ancient, Egypt, middle east, orient, Greece, Rome	10
HG	History - general, historiography	10
HM	History - medieval	5
IF 30	Psychology - Freud	5
IG	Psychology - general	10
IH	Psychology - history	5
IJ	Psychology - Jung	5
IP	Psychology - popular, Adler, May, Fromm	5
JC 50	Judaica - Christianity & Jews	10
JD	Judaica - diaspora	5
JG	Judaica, Judaism - general (6 shelves)	10
JH	Judaica - history of Jews	10
JR	Judaica - Judaism, kabbalah, orthodox & reformed	5
JZ	Judaica - Zionism, land of Israel	10
K 10	Children (Kids)	10
LA 65	Literature - American	5
LC	Literature - criticism	5

CODE	CATEGORY	Credit
LC	Literature - classical	10
LE	Literature - English	10
LF	Literature - French	5
LG	Literature - German	5
LI	Literature - intro, general	10
LR	Literature - Russian	5
LW	Literature - world	10
MA 65	Music - artists	10
MC	Music - composers	10
MG	Music - general (12 shelves)	10
MH	Music - history	10
MO	Music - opera	10
MP	Music - popular, jazz, blues, folk, country	10
MT	Music - theory & criticism	5
NA 260	New Testament Authority, Canon	10
NB	New Testament Background	10
NC	New Testament Commentary	10
NEG	New Testament Epistles - General	5
NEH	Hebrews	10
NEJ	Epistles of James, John	10
NEP	Epistles of Peter	10
NG	Gospels	20
NGH	Gospel Harmonies	5
NGJ	John (Gospel)	10
NGL	Luke	10
NGM	Matthew	10
NGP	Mark (Peter)	10
NGS	Sermon on the Mount (Lord's Prayer, Beatitudes etc)	10
NH	New Testament History	5
NHA	Acts	10
NI	New Testament Intro, General	5
NL	New Testament Language	5
NPC	Corinthians	10
NPD	Paul - Doctrine	5
NPE	Ephesians	10
NPF	Colossians, Philemon	5
NPG	Galatians	5
NPL	Paul - Life	5
NPP	Philippians	5
NPR	Romans	10
NPT	Thessalonians, Timothy	10
NR	Revelation	10
NS	New Testament Special Subjects	10
NT	New Testament Theology	10
OB 290	Old Testament Background (geography, archaeology)	10
OG	Old Testament General, Intro, Survey	10
OH	Old Testament History	10
OHC	Chronicles	5
OHE	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	5
OHJ	Joshua, Judges, Ruth	10
OHK	Kings	10
OHS	Samuel, David	10
OL	Old Testament Language, Hebrew	5
OM	Old Testament Pentateuch (Moses)	10
OMD	Deuteronomy	10
OME	Exodus	5
OMG	Genesis	20
OML	Leviticus	5
OMN	Numbers	5
OP12	Minor Prophets	10

CODE	CATEGORY	Credit
OP6	6th Century Prophets (Haggai, Malachi)	5
OP7	7th Century Prophets (Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah)	5
OP8	8th Century Prophets (Joel, Obadiah, Jonah)	5
OPA	Amos	10
OPD	Daniel	10
OPE	Ezekiel	5
OPG	Prophets General, Intro	10
OPH	Hosea	5
OPI	Isaiah	20
OPJ	Jeremiah, Lamentations	10
OPM	Micah	5
OPZ	Zechariah	5
OS	Psalms	10
OT	Old Testament Theology	10
OWE	Ecclesiastes	5
OWG	Wisdom General, Intro	10
OWJ	Job	10
OWP	Proverbs	5
OWS	Song of Solomon	5
PA 55	Poetry - American	5
PC	Poetry - ancient, classical	10
PC	Poetry - criticism	5
PE	Poetry - English	10
PF	Poetry - French	5
PG	Poetry - German	5
PI	Poetry- intro, general	5
PM	Poetry - modern	5
PW	Poetry - world	5
QA 50	Science - astronomy	5
QB	Science - biology	5
QC	Science - chemistry	5
QG	Science - history, general	10
QM	Science - math, numbers, numerics	5
QP	Science - physics	5
QR	Science & religion	10
QT	Science - technology	5
RC 60	Religion - Cults	10
RG	Religion - General, Intro (13 shelves)	10
RH	Religion - Hinduism, Buddhism	5
RI	Religion - Islam	10
RM	Religion - Myth, primitive	10
RN	Religion - New Age	5
RO	Religion - Occult	5
RP	Religion - ancient, paganism	5
SE 65	Social Sciences - Education	10
SF	Social Sciences - Family, sex, women & men	10
SL	Social Sciences - Language	5
SM	Social Sciences - Economics (Money, Business, Advertising)	10
SP	Social Sciences - Political science, war	10
SR	Social Sciences - Race, Nationalism (fascism, Nazism)	10
SS	Social Sciences - general, sociology	5
SU	Social Sciences - urban studies	5
TA 140	Theology – Anthropology, Sin, Angels, Hereafter, Heaven, Hell	10
TD	Theology - Doctrinal, Systematic	10
TGA	God - Attributes	10
TGS	God - Holy Spirit	10
TGT	God - Trinity	10
TH	Theology - Historical	20
TI	Theology - Intro	10
TM	Theology - Modernism	10

CODE	CATEGORY	Credit
TSA	Salvation - Atonement, Cross	10
TSE	Salvation - Election, Grace, Predestination, Assurance	10
TSF	Salvation - Faith, Justification, Regeneration	10
TSG	Salvation - General, Intro	10
TSH	Salvation - Holiness, Sanctification	10
UA 30	Unbelief – atheism, nihilism	10
UC	Unbelief - communism, Marxism	5
UN	Unbelief - humanism, naturalism, scientism, evolutionism	5
UP	Unbelief - postmodernism	5
US	Unbelief - superstition, irrational pseudo science, astrology, > new age	5
VA 25	Visual arts - architecture	5
VP	Visual arts - painting, photography	5
VS	Visual arts - sculpture	5
VT	Visual arts – theatre, dance	10
WA 70	World - Africa	10
WE	World - Europe, Eurasia	10
WF	World - far east	10
WL	World - Latin America	10
WM	World - middle east	10
WN	World - North America	10
WO	World - Oceania	5
WP	World - population	5
XD 60	Christ - Death, Passion	10
XG	Christ - General	10
XI	Christ - Influence	5
XL	Christ - Life	10
XM	Christ - Miracles	5
XR	Christ - Resurrection	10
XT	Christ - Teaching, parables, sermon on mount (> gospels)	10
YA 40	Philosophy - ancient, Greek	10
YE	Philosophy - English	5
YF	Philosophy - French	5
YG	Philosophy - general, history	10
YG	Philosophy - German	5
YM	Philosophy - modern	5
ZA 60	Eschatology - amillennialism, postmillennialism	5
ZD	Eschatology - death, hereafter, hell & heaven, angels	10
ZG	Eschatology - general	10
ZK	Eschatology - kingdom, Israel, Millennium	10
ZL	Eschatology - last days, second coming, tribulation, rapture	10
ZP	Eschatology - premillennialism	10
ZU	Eschatology - utopianism, futurism	5